

# WISDOM NEWS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF WISDOM COLLEGE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

MR. DAMIEN BARRY

One of our strategic goals as a College is to provide more opportunities for our students to become involved in a co-curricular activity. We have specifically focussed on music, sport, service and pastoral care. Our Head of Co-curricular Ms Canan Coskun has led this ambition and in so doing has managed to put in place sporting teams for AFL, basketball, futsal and netball. In recent weeks we have defeated several schools across different age groups. I would like to thank our coaches Murat Coskun and Esma Coskun for the work they have put into our futsal teams especially.

We also held our parent teacher interview day on Friday 12th May. We'll do this again in Term 3. I encourage all parents to speak to teachers about the progress of their child(ren) and these sort of events are a great way to achieve this. If for whatever reason you could not attend this day, you can always contact any teacher to request an update at any time of the year. The partnership between home and school is vitally important.

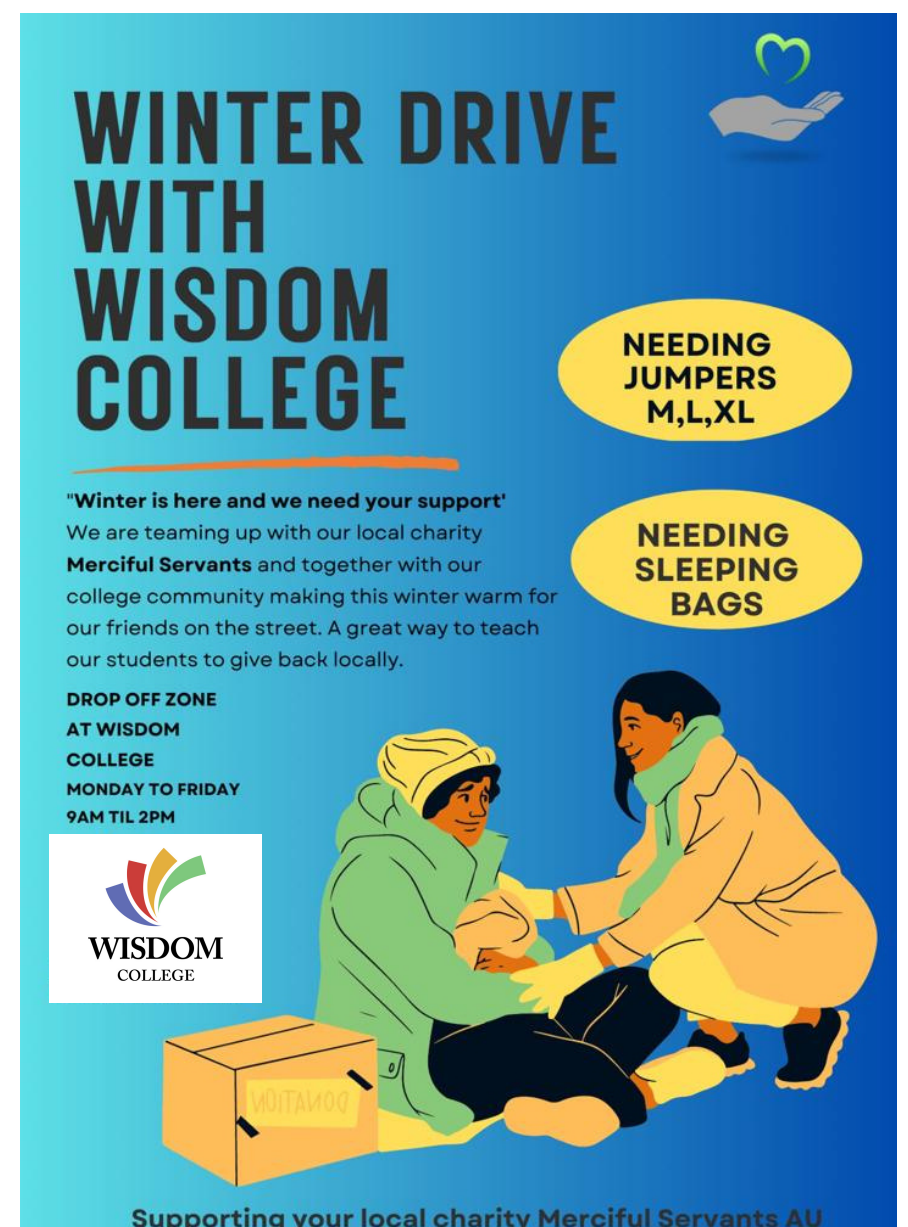
Thank you to our Community Engagement Co-ordinator Mr Suleyman Kaya for the various events that he has organised in recent weeks. Parents breakfasts, weekend activities, pastoral care, home visits, weekend camps - have all provided wonderful opportunities to connect, to engage, to build relationships. Thanks also to all parents who have attended these events.

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We have hit the half way mark of Term 2.

Assessment tasks especially in the upper grades will start to become more prevalent. That means homework, study, teacher feedback and diligence will all be important. The end of this term will also see end of semester academic reports so please keep an eye out for them. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss the progress of your child.



**WINTER DRIVE WITH WISDOM COLLEGE**

**NEEDING JUMPERS M,L,XL**

**NEEDING SLEEPING BAGS**

**"Winter is here and we need your support"**  
We are teaming up with our local charity **Merciful Servants** and together with our college community making this winter warm for our friends on the street. A great way to teach our students to give back locally.

**DROP OFF ZONE AT WISDOM COLLEGE**  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
9AM TIL 2PM

**WISDOM COLLEGE**

Supporting your local charity **Merciful Servants AU**

# HEAD OF PRIMARY

MRS OLIVIA STARKEY

Dear Wisdom College

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits as we embrace the excitement of another productive term at our beloved school. As the Head of Primary, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents and teachers who recently participated in our parent-teacher interviews. Your time and effort in attending these meetings demonstrate your unwavering commitment to your child's education.

One crucial aspect that has continually contributed to our school's success is the impeccable adherence to our uniform policy. I would like to take a moment to emphasize the importance of wearing the correct uniform, including the school jumper and hat. Our uniform not only fosters a sense of belonging and pride but also ensures a conducive learning environment for all our students. By wearing the correct attire, our students display unity and discipline, setting a positive example for their peers. I do understand that there has been some uniform delays by School Locker and I would like to apologise for this inconvenience. Please do not hesitate to contact the main office if you have any questions regarding what uniforms/colours are acceptable during this delay.

While we strive to instill core values and positive behaviour within the school premises, it is equally essential to reinforce these expectations at home. I encourage all parents to engage in conversations with their children about behaviour expectations, emphasizing the values we hold dear at Wisdom College. By reinforcing these expectations at home, we strengthen the partnership between school and family, fostering an environment that nurtures responsible, respectful, and compassionate individuals.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon that promise to add a touch of excitement to our academic journey. The Book Fair will be held from Wednesday, 17th of May, and will provide our students with an opportunity to explore the world of literature and ignite their imaginations. Students are encouraged to bring money to purchase books and other items from our library. Let's foster a love for reading and allow their minds to embark on captivating literary adventures.

Additionally, Under 8s week will soon be upon us, a time where we celebrate the unique talents and abilities of our youngest learners. It is a joyous occasion that brings together the entire school community to embrace the wonders of childhood and appreciate the incredible growth and development happening within our classrooms. Stay tuned for more details on the exciting activities planned for this special week.

As we move forward, I want to express my utmost optimism and positivity for the remainder of this term. Together, we will continue to create an environment that empowers our students to reach for the stars and achieve their dreams. Let us celebrate the milestones and triumphs along the way, cherishing the journey that molds them into well-rounded individuals.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support, commitment, and involvement in our school community. Your dedication to your child's education is truly commendable and makes Wisdom College the thriving educational institution it is today.

Wishing you all a fruitful term ahead!





# HEAD OF CO-CURRICULAR

MRS CANAN COSKUN

Another new week and another Monday to start afresh and to reset and renew.

Today in my year 10 WISE class we spoke about being the best versions of ourselves and that every Monday we can reset, reflect and strive to be better than who we were in the weeks gone past.

Something that I have always loved about Wisdom College is its emphasis on character development and helping raise morally upright students who will lead by example in their communities.

Our College Captains Isheeta Narayan and Abdul Lim Parfit are great examples of the students we aim to develop at Wisdom. A very special thank you to both of them for their wonderful speech during the Queensland Police Iftar. Their speech about the harmony and connectedness between the diverse students at our college was beautiful and very well delivered.

The aims and objective of our co-curricular programs are in line with our colleges mission to nurture and educate the whole child. We provide this opportunity through not only our WISE programs but through the academic, sports, the arts and service activities on offer for our learners.

We had a huge week of sports in week 4 with School Futsal League, Summit Cup, Bachar Houli and Gala Day events!

I want to congratulate all our students for putting the Wisdom Spirit on display and representing our College around various schools and platforms. A very special congratulations to our boys U16 and U14's teams for being undefeated in their football competitions this term. Keep up the great work!





## MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA

**WISDOM  COLLEGE**

# **MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA**



**TO ALL WISDOM  
COLLEGE MUM'S  
WE ARE EXCITED TO  
WELCOME YOU TO  
CELEBRATE WITH US!**

**Thursday 18th May**

**10am-12pm**

**Wisdom House Court Yard**

**PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE**



# HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

MRS AYSE DOGAN

Dear Wisdom College Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and refreshed after the recent public holidays and student free days. As the Head of Teaching and Learning at Wisdom College, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge that we have had an unusual start to the new term. Despite the unusual start, our classrooms have been buzzing with activity, and students have actively engaged with their units of study.

## SENIOR STUDENT PROGRESS

I am pleased to announce that our senior students have received their first progress reports from their teachers. These reports provide valuable insights into their academic performance and overall progress. I encourage parents and guardians to take the time to discuss these reports with your child and celebrate their achievements. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to their teachers for further clarification or support.

Additionally, I would like to inform you that I will be meeting individually with our senior students to discuss their senior journey. These meetings offer an opportunity to reflect on their academic goals, aspirations, and any challenges they may be facing. I believe in the importance of personalized guidance and mentorship during this critical phase of their education. Together, we can ensure that they have the necessary support and resources to excel in their studies.

## ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

In our ongoing efforts to enhance parent-teacher communication and keep you informed about your child's progress, we have implemented progressive reporting on MyWisdom. This platform allows you to view your child's progress instantly, providing a comprehensive overview of their achievements, areas for improvement, and the work they are learning in the classrooms each term. We encourage all parents to regularly log in and stay connected with their child's academic journey.

To assist our secondary students in managing their workload effectively, we have uploaded the assessment schedules onto the class pages. Please remind your child to stay up to date with their tasks and ensure they are well-prepared for assessments. By maintaining a proactive approach and managing their time efficiently, our students can achieve their best results.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

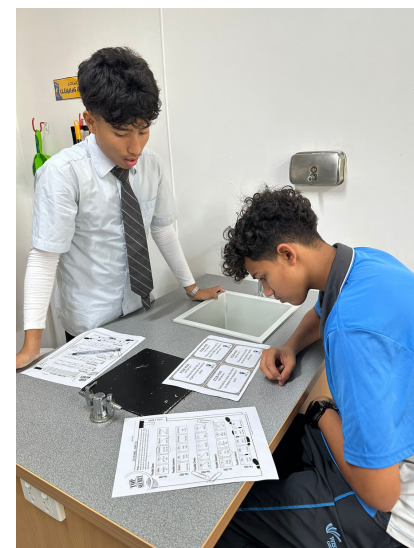
I am delighted to share that our recent parent-teacher interviews were a great success. It was wonderful to see so many parents actively participating and meeting with their child's teachers. At Wisdom College, we strongly believe in the power of collaboration between home and school. By working together as a team, we can provide the best possible education and prepare our students for success. Thank you for your continued engagement and involvement in your child's education.

## ENHANCING LEARNING

Finally, I am thrilled to inform you that we have many exciting excursions and incursions already underway this term. These experiences provide our students with valuable opportunities to learn outside the traditional classroom setting, fostering their curiosity, engagement, and practical skills. Furthermore, our Year 7 to 10 students will be focusing on essential skills such as memorizing and studying techniques, equipping them with valuable tools to enhance their learning journey. We have partnered with Elevate Education who will be visiting our College in Week 5 to deliver these workshops.

As we move forward in the term, I encourage all members of the Wisdom College community to stay engaged and involved. Together, we can create an environment that nurtures the growth and development of our students, empowering them to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication.





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

MR SULEYMAN KAYA

Greetings from the Community Engagement Team!

I would like to begin by thanking you for your positive response and active involvement in community activities. The Iftar dinner at the end of Term 1 was amazing, over 200 people attended this event, and I think that everyone who attended will agree that they felt a true sense of belonging within our Wisdom family.

We started Term 2 with our Eid Greetings program. This was held on a Monday morning, and everyone enjoyed beginning the week with positive energy.

This Term we held our first breakfast with Upper Primary and Secondary parents. It was lovely to see many of our parents attending this event and enjoying the breakfast. We had a few engaging conversations around the community, school and students.

I had a chance to visit Muslim Charitable Foundation and met Mr. Osman and Mrs. Janeth. We talked about the sort of activities they do throughout the year. They have been doing an amazing job helping needy people for several years.

During week 3, we had our first family walk and breakfast program outside the school. Thank you to the families who made time during their weekend to attend. We walked around 3km with the children at Billabong Outlook. We then enjoyed the culturally rich breakfast that everyone brought along with them. Thank you to everyone for their contribution and making our breakfast table beautiful. It was a well spent Sunday morning, and the students enjoyed it.

As the Community Engagement Team, we are part of our school's new initiative called Wisdom Scholars Club. We are using Owlypia as our study platform. This is an intellectual's challenge. I will be helping the teachers to catch up with students, and communicating and visiting our parents whose children are attending this club. We give importance to the collaboration between teachers, students and families, so that our students become more successful. Please respond to the email sent to you if you are interested in this club.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend ahead!





## PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL WORLD PART 2

MRS. MANJA WHALEY - STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER

### CHECKING OUT THE APPS:

The digital world is all about apps. Apps are growing like mushrooms and there's pretty much an app for just about anything you care to name. Apps are convenient, they're fun, they entertain, they save us time, and kids love them. But how can we check if an app is suitable for our child's developmental age?

A good place to start is by checking on The Australian Council on Children and the Media (ACCM) website [http:// children and media. org.au/app-reviews/](http://childrenandmedia.org.au/app-reviews/) ACCM hosts reviews of Apple App Stores apps, Facebook apps, Google Play apps and a section on what to know before you load app reviews. You can join in discussions on the ACCM website, suggest an app for review or provide a review. ACCM also provides a comprehensive range of fact sheets on all aspects of children and the media. [http://childrenandmedia.org.au/ resources/fact-sheets](http://childrenandmedia.org.au/resources/fact-sheets).

Another good site to check out is Common Sense Media – a San Francisco based non-profit organisation providing education and advocacy to families to promote safe technology and media for children. [www. commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)

### SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT A 'DIGITAL REPUTATION'?

The significance of a 'good reputation' can often be lost on kids. Kids are kids and they will always do things that are out of left field, or experiment with experiences just because they can. Life can forget these growing pains, and their (unrecorded) adolescent footprint of inappropriate behaviour or decisions becomes a thing of the past. Part of growing up, we say.

But a digital reputation is different. What kids do online – what they post, the sites they visit, the things they say – is permanent. A child's digital footprint denotes their digital reputation (whether they like it or not) and based on what people find, their reputation can either be degraded or enhanced. The reality is that anyone can surf the internet and follow your child's digital footprint.

If we unpack what a digital footprint looks like, it's often made up of a profile picture on social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat etc.), 'likes' on social networking pages, the wording of email addresses, contributions to blogs, references and images on school blog sites and E-newsletters, or for older kids, their CV or online application form. Various webbased games and apps also lay a digital trail. There's nothing to stop someone saving and storing information about your child... information that can't be deleted or erased.

### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Kids are ultimately responsible for their digital footprint. But so are we as parents.

'hottieboom@xxxx.com'

For kids, one of the more enjoyable aspects of setting up email and other accounts is creating a 'cool' login username or password. Whether our kids like it or not, as parents, we require to know (and in the case of younger kids, supervise) the creation of their email addresses and passwords. Not because we're snooping, but because an inappropriate email address sends the wrong message...before the email is even written.

Kids under thirteen cannot legally have their own email account with Gmail and Yahoo! Mail. If your child is primary-aged, helping them to create an email address is recommended. Stay clear of birth dates, full names, or any other way they can be identified. If they want something quirky make sure its respectful quirk and not too silly.



## GETTING THE SETTINGS RIGHT

Kids of 13+ are usually sure they can set up their own accounts, (and most know how to!) but parental supervision is essential for this little exercise. When helping our teens to set up accounts, take note of which social media sites only offer limited security. Even though security can be set at different levels to limit who might see what, there's still no guarantee of privacy, especially if our kids' friends share their uploaded information with other kids.

If our kids want their own Facebook page (and most do) help them to protect their reputation. Silly or sexy selfies are not on, nor are any other images that provide a link to our child's address or contact details. It's OK for kids to have friends on Facebook for example, but it's advisable to hide our child's friends from public view. It's a good idea to always protect photos being viewed by the public or by friends of friends, and if our kids want to allow themselves to be tagged, set the tag so it has to be approved by them first. Similarly, with 'likes' we need to ensure that our kids understand that by ticking 'like', they agree totally with what's on that page.

Remember to regularly check account settings, un-tag or delete inappropriate images, and regularly google our kids and deal with anything potentially damaging or hurtful that the search might find. Contact the site immediately to request any offensive information be deleted. Also delete old or unused accounts. Kids can often be relaxed about security. As parents, we need to ramp up awareness and continually monitor.

## CYBERBULLYING SUCKS

Cyberbullying can be hurtful and distressing. It can also contribute to poor performance at school, physical illness and in more extreme cases, serious mental health issues.

Cyberbullying can include: • abusive texts, emails and tweets • forwarding emails and attachments without permission • posting hurtful comments or pictures • 'sexting' (sexually explicit images) • setting up accounts and pretending to be that person • intentionally spreading untrue gossip on Social media.

Signs of bullying include: • not wanting to go to school • changed patterns of internet or mobile use • receiving text messages at odd hours or more than usual • secretive online behaviour • schoolwork not completed or lower marks • mood changes • having trouble sleeping and nightmares • spending less time socialising with friends • withdrawn and uncommunicative.

## TACKLING CYBERBULLYING

When kids are bullied, it can be difficult for them to tell parents. Bullies rely on kids feeling isolated and harassed and not having the confidence or courage to speak up and seek help. Hopefully our kids will come to us should bullying of any kind happen, and when they do it's very important that we stay calm, offer support, and commit to getting to the bottom of the problem.

It can be difficult to stay calm, but tackling bullying requires a clear head and a strategy plan. • Don't threaten to remove the computer or take the mobile phone away. • Change passwords if you have to or get a new phone number. • Elicit what happened, who your child thinks is involved and whether they have thought to keep copies of the offending texts and tweets. • Keep copies of as much evidence of bullying as you can. • If the bully is known, block and delete that person from contact lists. • Don't retaliate or reply. • Click the 'report abuse' button. • Notify the school. • If one of your kid's friends is being bullied, we can encourage our child to stand by that friend by not forwarding messages or pictures, talking to the friend, and supporting them and getting information on how to handle cyberbullying.

More:

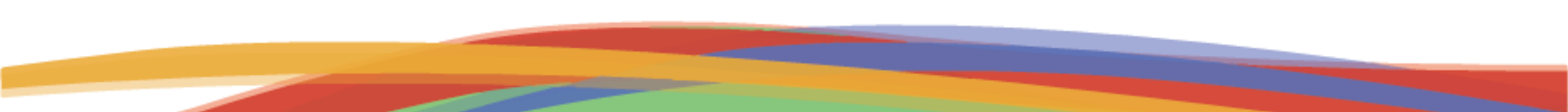
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<http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/>

Cybersmart <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/>

Wired Safety: [www.wiredsafety.org](http://www.wiredsafety.org) (Information on Internet safety, including resources for combating cyberstalking)



# PHOTO'S





# 2023 CALENDAR

## KEY DATES

### TERM DATES

First Day Term 2 - Monday 17 April

Last Day Term 2 - Friday 16 June

First Day Term 3 - Monday 10 July

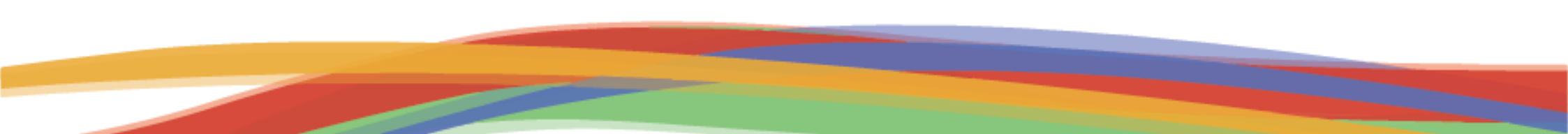
Last Day Term 3 - Friday 15 September

First Day Term 4 - Tuesday 3 October

Last Day Term 4 - Friday 1st December

### Term 2 Dates

- Thursday 18th May Mother's Day High Tea
- Tuesday 23rd May School Photo Day
- Wednesday 14th June Prep Open Night
- Wednesday 14th June Year 12 Formal
- Friday 16th June Cross Country Carnival and Qurban Festival
- Friday 16th June LAST DAY OF TERM 2





# UPDATES AND INFORMATION

## UNIFORM SHOP



### Shop Online Anytime

Shop online and choose to have your order shipped directly to you, or collect it from the School Locker Oxley store. Scan the QR code below to find your uniforms online.

Visit [theschoollocker.com.au/schools/wisdom-college-calamvale](https://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/wisdom-college-calamvale)

### School Locker Oxley

Discover a convenient one-stop-shop for uniforms, school footwear, stationery, technology, musical instruments, sports equipment and more at the School Locker Oxley.

### The Zone Oxley

2118 Ipswich Road  
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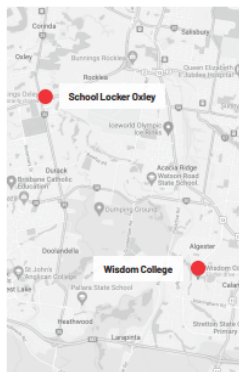
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Monday to Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm

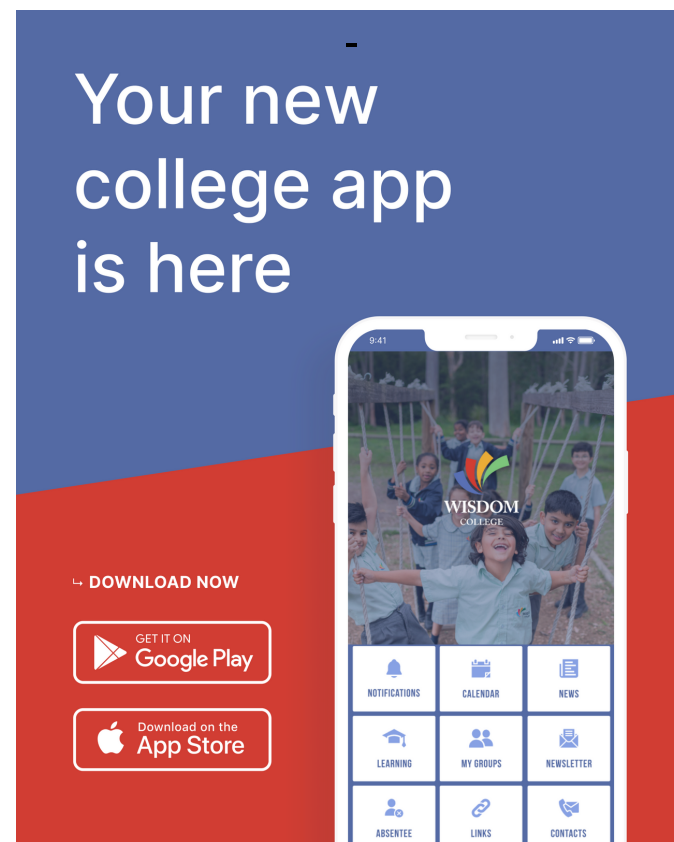
Saturday 9:00am- 3:00pm

### Student Advantage Membership

Be sure to set up your free Student Advantage Membership. Login each time you shop online to access special pricing and ensure your school earns revenue from all your purchases. Get started by visiting [theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account](https://theschoollocker.com.au/customer/account). To learn more scan the QR code below and watch our explainer video.



## SCHOOLBOX APP -



PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE APP AND ENSURE THAT ALL OF YOUR FAMILY DETAILS ARE CORRECT

## BOOKS AND STATIONARY

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2. Click on your school & year level
3. Fill out your requirements & student details
4. Enter your customer & payment details
5. Sit back, relax and wait for your pack!

Let us take the stress out of summer, get #BackToSchoolWithSequel

While Sequel's retail store will remain open we will be complying with social distancing rules and limiting the number of people in-store. This may result in lengthy and uncomfortable wait times outside the store. We highly encourage families to ORDER EARLY and opt for DELIVERY of packs. Check our Trading Hours at [sequelbooks.com](https://sequelbooks.com)



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[www.sequelbooks.com/booklist-ordering-help/](https://www.sequelbooks.com/booklist-ordering-help/) OR call us on 07 3177 3331  
OR email [cs@sequelbooks.com](mailto:cs@sequelbooks.com)  
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## LUNCH ORDER SYSTEM



#BLACKOUTCOFFEE

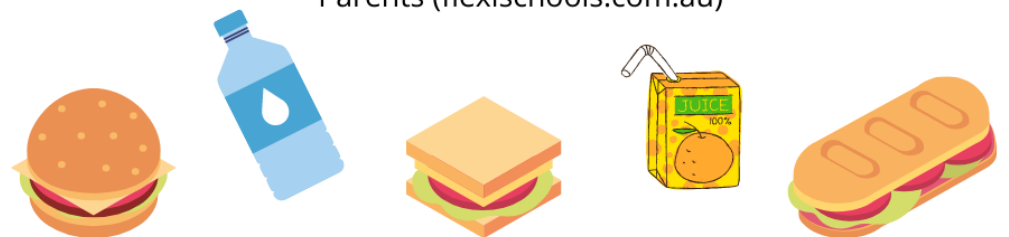
Wisdom College is excited to announce that our new lunch order system is ready to go!

**WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH BLACKOUT COFFEE AND FLEXISCHOOLS TO BRING YOU THIS EASY ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM.**

As of today you can place second lunch break orders for your child/ren.

Please download the Flexischools App and click the link for more information on how to register today.

Parents ([flexischools.com.au](https://flexischools.com.au))



## UPDATES AND INFORMATION

# School Photo Day

WISDOM COLLEGE PHOTO DAY IS ON TUESDAY 23RD OF MAY, PLEASE MAKE SURE STUDENTS ARRIVE IN THEIR FORMAL SCHOOL UNIFORM.

ANY FAMILIES WHO HAVE ORDERED SIBLING PHOTOS, THESE ARE SCHEDULED FROM 8:00AM IN THE LIBRARY, PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING OUR AMAZING COMMUNITY LOOKING THEIR BEST AND SHOWING THEIR WISDOM SPIRIT ON TUESDAY 23RD MAY

May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

To the parents and community of Wisdom College,



Firstly we would like to thank you for your business and your ongoing support, we acknowledge that the challenges we experienced this back to school with supply chain have had a material impact on your child's experience and have created inconvenience for parents, carers and schools alike. I would also like to reassure the school community that we are doing everything we can to give you the confidence that you and your School have chosen a uniform partner that is committed to excellence and is in the best possible position to deal with the challenges and complexity of providing quality uniforms on time every time.

School Locker is the country's leading and fastest growing Schoolwear supplier. I am immensely proud of the incredible work of our team and their contribution to significant year-on-year growth despite the numerous obstacles we have faced. However, success cannot be measured by numbers alone! We only consider ourselves successful when we provide outcomes that we can all be proud of. School Locker values the support of our partner institutions and our fantastic customers. Your business is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to delivering amazing experiences moving forward and for many years to come. School Locker is fully committed to addressing any shortcomings and ensuring that our partner schools and customers have a seamless experience.

I want to take a moment to touch on the recent stock delays and shortages during the back-to-school period. While we are committed to continuous improvement and serving our partner schools to the best of our abilities, we understand that we fell short of our goals and expectations. I would like to express our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused and extend our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing support.

At School Locker, we recognise the significance of having all the necessary items readily available to students and parents. We understand the frustration that the temporary stock shortage may have caused during such a crucial time. Rest assured; we have taken immediate action to address these issues so that they can be avoided or mitigated in future.

Moving forward, we are taking swift and decisive action to resolve the stock delays and shortages. Our team has already initiated orders with suppliers and is working diligently to expedite the delivery of the missing items. Additionally, we are conducting a thorough evaluation and assessment of our internal processes to identify areas for improvement and prevent similar situations in the future. We are dedicated to providing transparent and timely updates regarding any out-of-stock items, ensuring that you are informed every step of the way.

We want to express our gratitude for your patience and understanding during this time. As new stock becomes available, we will promptly notify our partner schools. In the meantime, we would like to remind you that our uniform items can still be conveniently purchased online through our dedicated website or in-store.

If you have any inquiries or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [service@theschoollocker.com.au](mailto:service@theschoollocker.com.au). Our dedicated Customer Service Representatives are ready to assist you and provide the support you need.

Once again, I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience experienced and I appreciate and thank you for your understanding and continued partnership. Your trust and feedback are vital for our continued improvement.

With gratitude and determination to do better,

Phil Rohan  
General Manager  
School Locker